



# Gone: Satirical Poems: New Selected

By Stephen Oliver

Greywacke Press. Paperback. Condition: New. 102 pages. Dimensions: 9.0in. x 6.0in. x 0.3in.Gone: Satirical poems: New and Selected published through Greywacke Press who published his earlier collection of satirical poems, Ballad, Satire and Salt A Book of Diversions, from which selections have been made for Gone, brings together a diverse range of metrical constructions including villanelles, sonnets, raunchy ballads and whimsical ballades. There is an invigorating, sardonic edge to Olivers poetic, driven by an often oblique and dark humour. The ballad, for instance, is a demotic form, but it takes a particular skill (one Oliver owns to a high degree) to write with the kind of verve that enlivens rhythms both comic and colloquial. Here we have tales of murder, drunkenness and debauchery. We live in the Age of the Anthropocene. Oliver deftly lampoons a world consumed by its own narcissistic concerns. Composed over the course of the last few decades, and displaying an enormous range in voice and form, these poems find focus in the struggle between art and amusement, both with respect to the writer who creates and the audience that consumes. Consequently, while always entertaining, the poems also often possess a subtle power to disturb and provoke,...



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